



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Budget meeting of Skipton Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday 10th January at 6.30pm

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor K McIntyre (Mayor)
Councillors: Councillor T Barrett, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor W Feather, Councillor C Nash, Councillor E Jaquin, Councillor Bell, Councillor Madeley, Councillor Hickman & Councillor Shaw
Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer), Miss H Corrigan (Events Manager) & Mrs H Marshall (Finance Manager)

2022/001

ITEM 1 – Mayors remarks

Councillor McIntyre welcomed everybody to the full council meeting

2022/002

ITEM 2 – To accept apologies for absence.

Councillors Mahmood & Heseltine (Covid related) Councillor Solloway & Councillor Judge (Prior engagements) Councillor Painter was absent

2022/003

ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None declared.

2022/004

ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requests

None received.

2022/005

ITEM 5- Representations from the public

None present.

2022/006

ITEM 6 – Review of the Budget 2021/2022 to date

Mrs Marshall gave a review of the budget to date and discussed the allotment income.

Councillor Madeley stated that as a Council a surplus of money from the allotments must not be made. It was confirmed there was no surplus as all money was reinvested.

BID income

Proposed by Councillor Nash

Seconded by Councillor Madeley

RESOLVED to remove the budget income of £3000 from the rent of office space by the BID. *(unanimous)*

Councillor Madeley discussed the Churchyard budget and apologised to Friends of Raikes road for previous comments made. He thought the 10k budget was actual spend.

He suggested this was reduced by 3k

Councillor Nash advised that she thought the budget should stay at 10k considering the works that will need to be carried out in the future.

Councillor Barrett advised that he felt the budget should be kept at 10k so that funds were available for the future work.
The Chief Officer advised that as Council had removed 3k income, they needed to look at the expenditure and could they adjust the street lighting budget instead.
Discussions were held about this item.

Proposed by Councillor Dawson

Seconded by Councillor Nash

RESOLVED to reduce street lighting budget heading by 3k
(unanimous)

Further discussions were held about line number 30 and 39 of the budget sheet.

Grass cutting was discussed, and Councillor Madeley advised he was not clear of the grass cutting areas and highways breakdown of the costs involved and how and what we pay.

The Chief Officer confirmed this was an action from the PSC meeting and the information had been previously supplied but she would make sure she went through the information with Councillor Madeley.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor D Shaw

RESOLVED to accept the actual spend to date. *(unanimous)*

2022/007

ITEM 7 – Review of 2022 / 2023 Budget

Councillor Madeley discussed the Events budget and what would happen in the event of bids or applications for funding being unsuccessful.

The discussions then focused on raising the precept.

Councillor Barrett stated that he felt the precept should not be raised and that reserves from this year should be earmarked to cover any shortfall.

Councillor Madeley disagreed and felt that more money should be injected.

Councillor W Feather agreed with Councillor Barrett that the precept should not be raised.

Councillor Nash stated that we could not increase the precept at this time with all of the other increases that people were enduring, and the council had made a large saving this year on salaries.

Councillor Hickman stated that the precept should not be increased.

Councillor Madeley stated that National Insurance and Pension contributions might increase significantly, and the council needed to be aware of increases that were coming.

Councillor W Feather proposed that the precept should be reduced by 1%. The Chief Officer advised Councillor Feather that the number of people paying tax had increased therefore even if the precept stayed the same it would decrease per household.

Councillor Feathers proposal was not seconded.

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett
Seconded by Councillor J Dawson
RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council to keep the same precept demand as the previous year, set at £519,491.00

(unanimous)

Councillor Madeley stated that in future a more detailed report of what projects Councillors wanted to undertake should be given.

With no further business discussed the meeting closed at 19.28pm.

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Thursday 20th January at 7.00pm

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